

for the purchase of the church and parsonage in this city. May God bless the givers. Our friends will never know in this world how we appreciate their words of encouragement and their liberality in support of the work. It is the Lord's work and we count ourselves only fellow servants with our brethren every where in planting the *Gospel alone* standards in Chicago.

Many brethren and sisters stopped with us on their return from the Conference, among whom were brethren John and Samuel Lichty with their wives of Fall City, Neb., Bro. Jerry Peck and wife of Waterloo, Ia., Bro. Myers of Millersburg, Ia., Sister Miller of Brooklyn, Ia., who spent several days here visiting the members and was at two Sunday services. Bro. I. D. Bowman, Sister Saylor of Fall City, Neb., Bro. B. H. Flora of Nappanee, Ind., Miss Liva Lichty of Fall City, Neb., Mrs. Sanger of Millersburg, Ia. Also several stopped to see us on their way to Conference. All seemed pleased to see the progress of the cause and the growth of our Sunday School and general work. Bro. and Sister Horner of Fall City, Neb. made us a pleasant call. We appreciate all this and feel that the cause is not our own, but the Lord's and all are equally responsible with us in its maintenance.

It is note worthy that all who have any practical and real personal knowledge of our Missions and their management and the work they are accomplishing, are the most ardent and enthusiastic in their support of them. And those who write disparagingly, are the ones who have not taken the pains to fully inform themselves, and who do not at any time come directly in contact with the work. It is natural that men should write from the standpoint of personal experience, and that is proper, but when they attempt to write about a work of which they have not that personal knowledge nor experience they necessarily become theoretical and their deductions unwise and impractical.

It is encouraging indeed to see that the membership in general is becoming aroused as never before, and desiring to keep right in touch with the mission enterprises. The most inspiring event ever witnessed in our Conferences, was probably the offerings for foreign missions announced on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 1st. That meeting will long be remembered by those who were present. Bro. Miller's offer of two thousand dollars with which to begin a foreign work immediately was enthusiastically received, and the Foreign Missionary Society will take steps to intelligently comply with the conditions. The idea of missionary has not been hatched in a day; the ambition and enthusiasm is not ephemeral; but let us hope and pray, a lasting feature of our church polity. All Missionary work from a Bible standpoint is foreign. "To unsaved men who are far away from God." We have thousands here in Chicago who have not known God nor understood His mercy and saving power. We call it home work. Let it be, God is bless-

ing it. In the past year I believe that while we have had not so many baptisms (five) yet our real strength has increased a hundred fold. I append here a report of our Sunday School prepared by our S. S. Secretary to be read to the Conference with the Chicago Mission report. vis.

Total attendance year ending July 31, 1900	1641.
" " July 31, 1901	2187.
	Gain 546.
Total Collections " July 31, 1900 \$	27.32
" " July 31, 1901	45.
	Gain 17.68
Average attendance year ending July 31, 1900	31.1-2
" " July 31, 1901	42.
" Collections " July 31, 1900	52.1-2
" " July 31, 1901	86.1-2
Total attendance last 6 months year 1900 was	846.
Av. 32.1-2	
Total attendance last 6 months year 1901 was	1341
Av. 51.1-2	
Total Collections last 6 months year 1900 was	\$16.12
Av. 62cts.	
Total Collections last 6 months year 1901 (to Aug. 1st) was	\$28.88. Av. \$1.11.

The average Sunday collection of the School since January 1, 1901 is over a dollar. The figures dividing the year just past is for the purpose of showing the steady increase in attendance and collections. The attendance is now running about seventy, and the collections about a dollar and forty cents. About our new church property. Several of our brethren who saw the property whose judgement on business matters would be rated among the best, remarked that they were surprised that we were able to purchase such a property, substantially constructed of the best material at such a low figure. And that too, just where we would wish it for our use. It seems providential, were the general comments. But how it came about is to long a story to tell now. The facts are that we are getting a church and parsonage for six thousand dollars, that cost over ten thousand dollars. The lots are worth today almost what we are paying for the entire property. It would cost us five thousand dollars to erect the church house alone. Soon we will give a fuller description, and perhaps wood cuts showing the interior and exterior of the house. Already we are preparing to paint, clean and put in order for dedication and use. Pray for us. When our friends understand how badly we need such a property and how much outlay it will save us in money, they will not hesitate to contribute liberally for the purchase. It is not like paying rent as has been the case here, but every dollar will be an investment in a substantial enterprise, that will remain the property of the church, and will increase in value each year. Property in this section of the city is increasing in value all the time and not much offered for sale. Bro. Cassell is ready to receive contributions.

Secretary's Report of the Foreign Missionary Society, Sessions of Aug. 30 and Sept. 2, 1901

The Executive Committee of the Foreign Missionary Society met at one o'clock P. M. August 30, 1901, at Winona Lake, Ind.

The minutes of the meetings of organization of Sept. 4, 1900, was read and approved.

A reading of the Constitution as adopted by the above mentioned meeting was called for, was read and approved, with suggestions that the Executive Committee recommend to the society that all members and subscribers who pay their five dollar (\$5.00) subscriptions on or before September 2, '01, be accepted as Charter members. And that the Executive Committee be composed of nine members instead of six, as now. And that Article 5 of the Constitution be amended to the effect that "any individual, church or society paying the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall become a life member, and entitled to one vote." Committee adjourned.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren church convened in regular annual meeting at one o'clock P. M. Sept. 2, 1901. Elder G. W. Rensch in the chair. The secretary's report was called for, read and approved.

Roll call was had and fifty-five (55) responded as paid up subscribers.

A motion prevailed that the membership of the Executive Committee be increased to nine members, instead of six as now.

A motion prevailed that Vianna Detwiler and W. D. Furry whose terms expired as members of the Executive Committee be elected for three years.

The society then proceeded to nominate and elect the three additional members on the Executive Committee, as provided. Brother David Augustine was elected for three years. Brother J. M. Tombaugh was elected for two years. Brother C. F. Yoder was elected for one year.

The following letter to the Missionary Board of the Brethren church was read:

Summit Mills, Pa., Aug. 26, 1901.

To the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, Greeting: I do hereby pledge myself, with the congregation at Summit Mills, to pay to the said Board the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) on the 2nd day of November, 1901, and one thousand dollars (\$1000) on the 2nd day of July, 1902. For the purpose of beginning a Foreign Mission work in the interest of the Brethren church. And being personally acquainted with sister Vianna Detwiler, having knowledge of her faith and ability and willingness to go forth to work for the Master, it is my desire that she be the first one called to this important work, in the first year of the 20th century, with another suitable co-worker of like precious faith and ability. That they be sent to a people that understand and can speak the English language. Perhaps a good place for the coming winter could be selected in one of the southern Isles. Praying God's choicest blessing on the work of the present Conference of our beloved brotherhood, I remain, fraternally yours,

JOHN A. MILLER.

A motion prevailed that the proposition contained in the above letter from Brother Miller be accepted and that the Executive